1	2	3	4	5
28.	Bengal Airways	–	–	00.015
29.	East India Hotels	–	–	00.004
30.	Air Asiatic Ltd.	–	01.46	–
31.	Goa Ways	–	00.04	–
32.	Vayudoot	–	05.71	–
	Total	61.28	51.29	25.005

M.C. Road in Kerala

3077. SHRI K.V. SURENDRA NATH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the kms. of National Highways in the country State-wise;

(b) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for taking over of M.C. Road which cut across the State for the development as a National Highway; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to give sanction for the above ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) A statement giving details is enclosed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to continued resource crunch, the proposal could not be approved.

Statement

Total Length of National Highway in the Country, State-wise

S.No.	Name of States	Total Length (Km)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2888
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	330
3.	Assam	2296
4.	Bihar	2547
5.	Chandigarh	24
6.	Delhi	72
7.	Goa	229
8.	Gujarat	1631
9.	Haryana	698
10.	Himachal Pradesh	854
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	648
12.	Karnataka	1996
13.	Kerala	940
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2946
15.	Maharashtra	2918
16.	Manipur	431
17.	Meghalaya	472
18.	Mizoram	551
19.	Nagaland	113
20.	Orissa	1649
21.	Pondicherry	23
22.	Punjab	892
23.	Rajasthan	2931
24.	Sikkim	62
25.	Tamil Nadu	1896
26.	Tripura	200
27.	Uttar Pradesh	2733
28.	West Bengal	1638
	Total :	34,608

[Translation]

Linking of Indore-Ujjain-Route to N.H.

3078. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link the Indore-Ujjain-Ratlam-Banswada-Ahmedabad Road route with the new National Highway;

(b) if so, the time by when this work is likely to start; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to include it in the next five year plan ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ninth Plan is yet to be finalised.

[English]

International Airport at Nadargul

3079. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposed International Airport at Nadargul, 25 kilometers from the city of Hyderabad has been withdrawn in view of the refusal of the Defence Authorities to alienate the land at Hakimpet where it was initially proposed;

(b) whether the State Government was not ready for an alternative site;

(c) whether the State Government has now decided to search for an alternative site in case the Defence authorities refused to provide the land;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the International Airport will be coming up in Hyderabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (e) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plan to construct an airport at Nadirgul near Hyderabad. At present, there are limited international operations at Hyderabad and the existing airport is sufficient to meet the demand of the international traffic.

Steps to make Indian Airlines Profitable

3080. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take effective steps to make the Indian Airlines a profitable institution as it had been incurring huge losses in the past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) The steps taken/ proposed to be taken by Indian Airlines to reduce its losses are as under :

(i) Increase in productivity of Pilots and Engineers after introduction of Productivity Linked Incentive Schemes.

(ii) Increase in international operations directly as well as in alliance with Air India and opening of new destinations and new links.

(iii) Rationalisation of routes.

(iv) Setting up of independent profit centres.

(v) Improvement in quality of service.

(vi) Dissemination of information about the strength of the Company.

(vii) Implementation of the long-term Turn Around Strategy suggested by the Committee of experts headed by Dr. Kelkar, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

(viii) Broad-basing of capital structure.

(ix) Minimising the non-operational capital expenditure wherever feasible.

Damage to Fatehpur Sikri

3081. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI I.D. SWAMI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the newsitem captioned "Use of explosives for sandstone quarrying destroys monuments. ASI watches silently, Dont's cry just for Taj, Fatehpur Sikri is dying" appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi dated July 13, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the reasons for the failure of the Archaeological survery of India (ASI) to check this irreparable damage to the historic monuments at Fatehpur Sikri ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. No specific damage to Centrally protected monuments has been